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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: QIAN, Su *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/518,955 Case No.: 21033YP

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For: AGOUTI-RELATED PROTEIN DEFICIENT  
CELLS, NON-HUMAN TRANSGENIC ANIMALS  
AND METHODS OF SELECTING COMPOUNDS  
WHICH REGULATE ENERGY METABOLISM

Art Unit:  
1632

Examiner:  
Wilson,  
Michael C.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 11, 2006, having a shortened statutory period which will expire on September 11, 2006. Given that this response is being filed on September 8, 2006, Applicants are of the opinion that no additional fees are due. In the event, however, that an extension of time is deemed to be required, please treat this paper as an authorization under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 the appropriate large entity fee, referencing attorney docket number 21033YP.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

MERCK & CO., INC.  
By Debra Locke Date 9-8-06